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In New York, prices were unchanged on all weights when compared to last Friday. Elsewhere, regional prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone was steady to firm beginning the week. Demand into all channels was light to good. Supplies of larger sizes were barely adequate to at times tight while mediums were usually sufficient for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were irregular for a moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers were unchanged with the balance of Midwest delivered prices higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was in a full range of light to very good. Food service sales were mostly moderate to instances good. Floor stocks were usually adequate to instances closely balanced. Central States breaking prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were tight to inadequate with demand fairly good to good. Schedules ranged full-time to reduced. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	75-84	78-81	LARGE	56-65	60
LARGE	74-83	76-79	MEDIUM	31-37	35
MEDIUM	49-58	51-54	SMALL	19-23	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply higher on all sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment ranged steady to firm, mostly steady to fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to good. Supplies were barely adequate to sufficient for present needs. Breaking stock offerings were mixed for the moderate to good demand. Light type hens were adequate to fully adequate for normal to less than normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	83-97	83-86
LARGE	77-91	82-84
MEDIUM	51-64	56-58

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices on larger sizes increased 10 cents, mediums 3 cents higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand fairly good to good with additional improvement expected for the holiday period. Food service movement was moderate to fairly good. Supplies of extra large and large were barely adequate to tight with mediums adequate as packers prepare for the holiday. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offers were tight for the generally good demand. Schedules were reduced to fulltime. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	84.5-93	86-89
LARGE	82.5-91	84-87
MEDIUM	55.5-64	57-60

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all weights when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm beginning the week. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to tight for immediate requirements. Breaking stock offerings were limited for the moderate to good demand. Spent hens were sufficient to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65.25-89	83-86
LARGE	64.25-87	81-84
MEDIUM	50.25-61	54-58

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on extra large, large and medium when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies ranged about adequate to adequate for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	91-95
LARGE	89-93
MEDIUM	63-67

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	82-90	83-85
LARGE	80-88	81-83
MEDIUM	55-63	56-58

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 10 cents higher on jumbo, extra large and large, 3 cents higher on medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was unchanged from last Monday with California up 7% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 11% (The Oct 30 comparison to Oct 23 revised change for the Pacific region was up 17% with California up 23% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 10%. Retailer demand good. Offerings generally adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices 10 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, large, 3 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 7% higher than last Monday (Oct 30 revised total was 163.9 which was 23% higher than Oct 23). Retailer demand improved, best to planned features. Offerings generally adequate. Small benchmark price 75.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	132
EXTRA LARGE	131
LARGE	121
MEDIUM	95

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE
JUMBO	279-299	JUMBO	
LARGE	249-289	EXTRA LARGE	Not
LARGE	199-259	LARGE	Available
MEDIUM	189-209	MEDIUM	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 10, 2006 will increase by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 03, 2006 were 320,503 cases which was 3 percent above the prior week and 2 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	279,867	40,636	320,503
% change from the prior week.....	+3	+2	+3

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were tight to inadequate with demand fairly good to good. Floor stocks were in very close balance to tight. Schedules varied from full-time to reduced. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	46-48	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	31-38	33-35
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices are generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy fowl. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-NOV-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-8 CENTS/LB.		4.99

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal to less than normal. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was steady to at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-NOV-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-7 CENTS/LB.		4.99
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- NOVEMBER 06, 2006

NOTE: REVISION TO LAST WEEK'S REPORT (SEE BELOW)

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		CENT	NO CENT	SO Atl	SO Pacific	5-Area	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.9	21.8	10.1	11.7	14.7	68.2
	Change	-0.4	3.3	1.1	-0.3	2.2	9%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	30.0	49.1	22.9	24.4	49.8	176.2
	Change	2.1	6.5	5.6	-1.8	2.5	9%
Large	Curr Wk	54.6	140.8	103.3	116.4	134.7	549.8
	Change	1.0	-8.2	7.1	6.1	-5.8	0%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.8	43.2	23.3	19.7	38.8	136.8
	Change	0.6	-6.8	1.5	-0.4	-0.2	-4%
Small	Curr Wk	4.9	6.0	0.6	1.9	4.5	17.9
	Change	0.9	1.4	-0.9	-1.9	-1.0	-8%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.2	35.7	8.5	11.5	6.2	65.1
	Change	0.9	4.8	-0.8	-1.5	-3.1	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.0	47.8	18.2	41.6	26.1	154.7
	Change	-3.2	0.3	-1.8	3.7	4.7	2%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	135.4	344.4	186.9	227.2	274.8	1,168.7
	Change	1%	0%	7%	2%	0%	2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,168.7	2%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	224.5	10%	35
Total Shell Egg	1,393.2	3%	200

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 165 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers. No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Note: Revision to Last Week's Pacific Region inventory and resulting in 5-area change:

	Pacific	5-Area
Ex Lge	47.3	161.3
Change	9.1	8%
Large	140.5	549.6
Change	22	15%
Medium	39.0	142.1
Change	9.1	18%
Total	275.5	1,150.5
Percent	17%	10%

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23, 2006

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.91	1.88	1.79	1.18

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 23, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOV 03, 2006**CURRENT LOADS** 14.00**FUTURE LOADS** 26.25**TOTAL LOADS** 40.25

SE			NE		MW			SC			NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	—	63.50	65.00	—	—	13.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00
GL W XL	—	73.00	75.50	77.50	67.00	—	6.25	GL W XL	—	—	—	78.00	—	81.38	3.00
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W MD	—	—	45.00	49.25	41.00	—	6.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	47.50	—	—	1.00
GL W SM	37.00	38.00	30.00	32.50	—	—	2.00	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	94.00	.25
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	82.00	—	.25	GL BR LG	101.00	—	—	—	—	98.14	1.75
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	81.00	—	1.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/30/06-11/03/06**CURRENT LOADS** 69.50**FUTURE LOADS** 106.75**TOTAL LOADS** 176.25

SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG		DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	57.00	62.25	58.90	61.67	—	56.00	60.00	GNR W 1	—	67.00	—	—	—	—	25.00
GNR W 3	—	—	34.00	35.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	65.07	76.50	—	—	—	76.53	7.75
GNR BR 1	—	86.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	71.75	—	78.00	—	80.75	8.00
GL W J	—	—	74.50	76.00	67.75	—	6.00	GL W LG	68.00	78.17	—	80.00	—	79.94	16.75
GL W XL	—	72.25	72.00	72.94	66.64	71.00	34.25	GL W MD	38.00	—	—	47.17	—	48.70	9.25
GL W LG	—	74.67	—	69.75	68.60	75.00	48.50	GL BR XL	—	94.50	—	—	—	94.00	.50
GL W MD	50.00	43.00	43.50	47.50	39.00	—	17.25	GL BR LG	101.00	94.50	—	—	—	98.38	2.75
GL W SM	33.33	35.67	29.33	31.67	—	—	6.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	85.00	—	.50								
GL BR LG	—	80.00	—	—	84.00	—	3.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	43.89	—	28.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	35.00	37.00	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	37.33	3.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS.

THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER.

NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/30/06	10/23/06	10/31/05
PACIFIC COAST	1	5	137
LOS ANGELES	0	4	135

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on small, higher on the balance. Supplies of extra large and large are held with confidence. Retail demand is good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	99.86
LARGE	97.86
MEDIUM	71.86
SMALL	58.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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Out Of State Eggs - State Compilation

Report Period: 10/29/2006 - 11/04/2006

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	2,431	2,431
Arkansas	0	0	1,412	1,412
Colorado	0	0	2,755	2,755
Illinois	0	0	120	120
Iowa	5,248	510	72,269	78,027
Maine	0	0	1,446	1,446
Michigan	0	1,140	4,765	5,905
Minnesota	4,575	2,190	11,342	18,107
Mississippi	0	0	840	840
Missouri	0	0	11,248	11,248
New Hampshire	0	840	0	840
North Carolina	3,456	2,270	3,843	9,569
Ohio	0	0	6,800	6,800
Oregon	1,984	0	120	2,104
Pennsylvania	0	0	780	780
Texas	0	0	3,776	3,776
Utah	2,220	3,860	8,144	14,224
Wisconsin	0	810	0	810
Grand Total	17,483	11,620	132,091	161,194
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NON-MILITARY	17,483	11,620	132,091	161,194